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Affordable Care Act



If you have questions about the Affordable Care Act an excellent place to learn more is at the Omaha Public Library.

Find Affordable Care Act help at Omaha Public Library

Omaha Public Library will partner with AARP and HR Benefit Group to offer a series of programs throughout October to help navigate the policies put in place by the new health care law. Three unique programs are open to the public and free of charge. Anyone who will be affected by the new law is encouraged to attend. More information and additional resources are available at guides.omahalibrary.org/affordablecare.

Health Insurance with the Affordable Care Act

An AARP representative will examine the options open to individuals and families under the new health care law and provide information on the types of health care plans available, where to sign up, and how to find assistance. Registration required.

- Tuesday, Oct. 1, 6:30 p.m. at Millard Branch, 13214 Westwood Ln., 402.444.4848
- Thursday, Oct. 3, 4:30 p.m. at Charles B. Washington Branch, 2868 Ames Ave., 402.444.4849
- Saturday, Oct. 5, 11 a.m. at Benson Branch, 6015 Binney St., 402.444.4846
- Monday, Oct. 7, 4:30 p.m. at South Omaha Library, 2808 Q St., 402.444.4850
- Wednesday, Oct. 9, 6 p.m. at Milton R. Abrahams Branch, 5111 N. 90th St., 402.444.6284
- Friday, Oct. 11, noon at W. Dale Clark Main Library, 215 S. 15th St., 402.444.4800
- Wednesday, Oct. 16, 6 p.m. at W. Clarke Swanson Branch, 9101 W. Dodge Rd., 402.444.4852
- Thursday, Oct. 17, 10 a.m. at Florence Branch, 2920 Bondesson St., 402.444.5299
- Saturday, Oct. 19, 11 a.m. at Saddlebrook Branch, 14850 Laurel Ave., 402.884.7473
- Thursday, Oct. 24, 6 p.m. at Bess Johnson Elkhorn Branch, 2100 Reading Plz., 402.289.4367
- Tuesday, Oct. 29, 2 p.m. at A.V. Sorensen Branch, 4808 Cass St., 402.444.5274
- Wednesday, Oct. 30, 4:30 p.m. at Willa Cather Branch, 1905 S. 44th St., 402.444.4851

Individualized Help with the Health Insurance Marketplace

HR Benefit Group will provide navigators to help attendees make informed health insurance decisions, understand the marketplace, and compare insurance plans.

- Mondays, Oct. 7, 21 and 28, 10 a.m. at W. Dale Clark Main Library
- Tuesdays, Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, noon at Willa Cather Branch
- Tuesdays, Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, 4 p.m. at Charles B. Washington Branch
- Wednesdays, Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, noon at Florence Branch
- Thursdays, Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31, 3 p.m. at South Omaha Library

The Affordable Care Act: Small Businesses & the Self-Employed

Small businesses and the self-employed will learn details needed to make informed decisions about the Affordable Care Act. Registration required.

- Tuesday, Oct. 8, 6 p.m. at Bess Johnson Elkhorn Branch
- Tuesday, Oct. 15, 6:30 p.m. at Millard Branch

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October Events

Buddy Walk – Down Syndrome Alliance

9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
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Join the Down Syndrome Alliance of the Midlands in Stinson Park on Saturday morning to walk with your Buddy! There will be fun activities for the entire family! Come on out and have some fun with us.

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- 10:00-10:30 Registration/Check in
- 10:30- 11:30 Costume Judging & Games
- 11:45 - Noon Finalists Announced & Prizes Awarded
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- 1:00 pm Raffle Winners Announced

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Superintendent Mark Evans Omaha Public Schools

Mark Evans took over Nebraska's largest school district in July. One of the determining factors in selecting Evans to be the new superintendent was the academic achievement growth recorded in his tenure as superintendent of the Andover, Kansas public school system. Evans is noted for his collaboration with staff, boards, parents and the community for the improvement of schools.

Meet Mr. Evans and learn about his vision to meet the diverse needs of 50,000 OPS students. What feedback has he received from teachers, principals, new school board and the community? Why is a new strategic plan necessary? What are top priorities for students and staff? What role will new technology and new curriculum play? How to improve the image and perception of OPS? What is the OPS role in the "Learning Community"?

Superintendent Evans holds a Master of Education from Wichita State University and a BA in Education and Social Studies from the University of Kansas. He has been an administrator for 25 years. A systems thinker, he is a strategic planner who is creative in his use of technology to engage community stakeholders and to improve the educational enterprise. He was voted one of the top ten tech savvy superintendents by eSchools News 2012.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2013

Noon to 1 p.m. \$15.00 per person includes lunch Lunch is served beginning at 11:30 a.m.

Forum begins at 12Noon 12:00 Noon to 1:00pm \$15.00 per person includes lunch Reservations - call (402) 345-8008

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Food Day Omaha

Omaha Farmers Market and the Gretchen Swanson Center for Nutrition co-host Food Day Omaha at Aksarben Village on Sunday, October 20, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Because Food Day is a nationwide celebration to bring together Americans to push for healthy, affordable food produced in a sustainable, humane way, the Aksarben Farmers Market season is extended one extra week and is enhanced by "eat real" informational booths, children's activities and cooking demonstrations.

To participate, contact Danelle Myer at (402) 612-7816. Visit www.facebook.com/fooddayomaha.

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Omaha Women's Health & Wellness Conference

Enriching life, improving health

The 16th annual Omaha Women's Health and Wellness Conference will be held Friday, Oct. 11, at the La Vista Conference Center, 12520 Westport Parkway. The conference will focus on ways to enrich the lives and health of women.

The conference, which is open to the public, will run from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Registration deadline is Oct. 4. The cost of the conference is \$59, which includes continental breakfast, lunch, lectures and exhibits. Continuing nursing education credit is available for an additional \$30.

A variety of health screenings will be offered at no charge, including blood pressure, glaucoma, balance and posture, body mass index, cardiovascular and oral health. Low cost screenings including lipid profile, glucose profile and complete blood count will be available for \$17, and a thyroid-stimulating hormone test will be available for \$7. Flu shots will be offered for \$15.

Keynote speakers are:

· Breakfast session -- "Happy, Healthy and Terrific: Strategies for Creating a Balanced Life," Viv Ewing, Ph.D., president of the Alzheimer's Association Midlands Chapter, addresses the dilemma of not having enough time to get everything done and will share practical strategies for effectively balancing family, career, and self.

· General session -- "Sex, Lies and Videotapes: Women's Sexual Health Across the Lifespan," Renaisa Anthony, M.D., deputy director and assistant professor of the University of Nebraska Medical Center's Center for Reducing Health Disparities, will lead an interactive discussion on women's sexual health across the lifespan from the reproductive to post-menopausal years with information to ensure optimal sexual health.

· Luncheon session -- "Strong, Beautiful You!" Kelly Fairbanks, Psy.D., clinical psychologist at The Nebraska

Medical Center, will include simple thought and behavior strategies that boost self-image by replacing imperfections and insecurities with courage and confidence.

· Closing session -- "Jesus Take the Wheel: Two Hearts Fighting Together," Missy Givens, two-time non-Hodgkins lymphoma fighter, will talk about her triumph over cancer.

Participants will choose from two afternoon breakout sessions that include topics on: positive parenting; death, divorce, breakup, and loss; family rules and roles to follow or not to follow during a health crisis; realistic mealtime; respect and rights in relationships; bringing intimate partner violence to light; and improving the doctor-patient relationship.

For more details about the conference or for a registration form, call the Olson Center for Women's Health at (402) 559-6345, or log on to www.OmahaWomensHealthandWellness.org. Conference updates also can be found on the conference's Facebook page.

The conference is sponsored by the Olson Center for Women's Health, the University of Nebraska Medical Center, The Nebraska Medical Center, the University of Nebraska at Omaha and Wellness Council of the Midlands.

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Green Omaha Coalition

2013 Green Home Tour & Smart Energy Expo - NEW!

Green Home Tour

When: Saturday, November 9th 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Tour seven homes in the greater Omaha region, from recently completed homes by Charles Thomas Homes, Dwell Omaha, and Doug Kiser Construction, to remodels by homeowners in Bellevue and downtown. A variety of new construction, remodels, and even green remodels under-way will be featured.

Smart Energy Expo

When: Sunday, November 10th 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Where: Millard Lumber (12900 I St.)

The Green Omaha Coalition is happy to partner with the Omaha World-Herald to host a Smart Energy Expo in coordination with the 2013 Green Home Tour. This event will create awareness of products and services available that add value, save money and promote energy efficiency for your home and lifestyle. Better choices will add value to your home – achieving greater comfort, a healthier and safer home, while also saving energy costs. The GOC supports taking small steps toward a greener Omaha, keeping your comfort, health and budget in mind. The event will feature exhibitors who are industry leaders in their respective category.

To participate in the Smart Energy Expo, please contact Tam Webb at tam.webb@owh.com.

Fall at the Cathedral

Blessing of the Animals

Sat, Oct 5th, Prelude - 10:30 am, Blessing 11 am. featuring the Palladium Brass and the Archdiocesan Children's Choir

Cathedral Organ 10th Anniversary Concert

Tuesday, October 22 7:30pm

Frech Virtuosity! Oliver Latry, titular organist at the Cathedral of Notre Dame, Paris, France returns to play the cathedral organ.

Sunderland Gallery

Sacred Threads: Art Quilts, Sept 15 - Nov 10th,

Paul Konhagulian: Men at Work!

New Sculptures, Nov 17th - January 12

Families Read

Prime Time for families to read at Omaha Public Library

Families who enjoy reading together are invited to Charles B. Washington Branch, South Omaha Library and Willa Cather Branch this fall. PRIME TIME FAMILY READING TIME® is a six-week shared reading experience where families discover great stories together. Each week, a storyteller will read aloud and discuss books.

Nutritious meals will be served at each session. With prior notice, free transportation to and from the Library will be available for those who need it. There is no charge for any of the PRIME TIME activities. Families with children ages 6-10 are encouraged to register by calling or visiting their preferred branch. Activities will be provided for younger siblings.

Willa Cather Branch, 1905 S. 44th St., 402.444.4851, Tuesdays, Oct. 1-Nov. 5, 6 p.m. This program is designed for Native American families.

South Omaha Library, 2808 Q St., 402.444.4850, Saturdays, Oct. 5-Nov. 16 (except Nov. 9), 12:30 p.m. Stories will be offered in Spanish and English.

Charles B. Washington Branch, 2868 Ames Ave., 402.444.4849, Saturdays, Oct. 19-Nov. 23, 9 a.m.

PRIME TIME is sponsored by Humanities Nebraska with funding from the State of Nebraska through the Nebraska Cultural Endowment. Funders include Lincoln Financial Foundation and Carol Gendler. Humanities Nebraska is a private, statewide, non-profit affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. Visit omahalibrary.org for more information on PRIME TIME and other literacy programs at Omaha Public Library's 12 metro locations.

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Sierra Club October Program

Greening Omaha's Colleges

with Patrick Wheeler (UNO), Mary Duda (Creighton), and Lindsay Neemann & Christopher Swanson (MCC)
Thurs. Oct. 24, 7 p.m.
First United Methodist Church, 7020 Cass St., Omaha
(Enter north door Education Wing)

Each year the national Sierra Club ranks America's greenest colleges, looking at bricks and mortar questions ranging from where a campus gets its energy, to whether its landscapes use native plants and its cafeterias offer recycled napkins. (Sierra Club's 2013 Green Schools report can be found at <http://www.sierraclub.org/sierra/201309/coolchools/>).

We decided we'd like to learn more about what our local colleges are doing to promote sustainability on campus, so we've invited representatives from UNO, Creighton, and Metropolitan Community College to share their experiences. Whether it be using renewable energy, working towards carbon-neutral or zero-waste goals, training students to work in the green collar work-force, or shaping students to become tomorrow's environmental leaders and citizens, each of these schools is doing work we can learn from and be inspired by.

Please join us to learn about the sustainability initiatives going on right here in Omaha at our local institutes of higher education. Sierra Club programs are free and open to the public. More information at sierranebraska.org

The Eclectic Book Review Club,

organized Oct 11, 1949, continues this season at the Omaha Field Club, 3615 Woolworth Avenue. A noon lunch will be followed by the 12:30 review.

Andrew Jewell, UNL Associate Professor of Libraries, co-edited The Selected Letters of Willa Cather, which he will review on October 15th.

Creighton University Journalism professor Eileen Wirth will review her book From Society Page to Front Page, NE Women in Journalism at the November 19th meeting.

To reserve your seat, call Rita at 402-553-3147. Reservation deadline Monday morning prior to the Tuesday meeting. Lunches are \$13.00.

Omaha Creative Institute October Schedule

Oct. 5, 10 a.m.-noon: AEROSOL PAINTING with Gerard Pefung at Turner Blvd. Creative Space (\$35)

Oct. 5, 2-4 p.m.: TASTE OF IRELAND: GENEALOGY with Kathy Buhrman at Omaha Creative Institute (\$10)

Oct. 8, 7 p.m.: TASTE OF IRELAND: IRISH WHISKY TASTING at Dundee Dell (\$50)

Oct. 12, 10 a.m.-noon: TASTE OF IRELAND: INTRO TO GAELIC LANGUAGE with Mary Kate Glied at Omaha Creative Institute (\$20)

Oct. 13, 5:30 p.m.: TASTE OF IRELAND: OSCA PATRON PARTY at the Omaha Building (\$50)

Oct. 13, 7 p.m.: TASTE OF IRELAND: OSCA SCREENING: "WAKING NED DEVINE" at the Omaha Building (\$10)

Oct. 19, 10 a.m.-noon: BEGINNING UKULELE with Mark Gutierrez at Omaha Creative Institute (\$35)

Oct. 26, 10 a.m.-noon: ORIGAMI with Ying Zhu at Omaha Creative Institute (\$35)

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2013 Restoration and Preservation Tour

Tour Historic Homes and Businesses Sunday, October 6

Annual tour highlights early 20th Century homes and buildings in Omaha's Deer Park Neighborhood.

Restoration Exchange Omaha presents the 2013 Restoration and Preservation Tour Sunday, Oct. 6, 2013 Noon to 5 p.m. This year's tour features early 20th Century homes and buildings in Omaha's Deer Park neighborhood bounded by Interstate 480, the Missouri River, Martha Street and Spring Lake Park. The tour will include the Vinton Street Commercial District.

Sites include:

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| 1. Chops Bowling Alley, 2518 S. 13th St. | 2. St. Patrick's Church, 1404 Castelar St. |
| 3. Meyer Residence, 1405 Vinton St. | 4. Palleton, Inc, 1502-1504 Vinton St. |
| 5. Ferguson Studio and Residence, 1701 Vinton St. | 6. Emerging Terrain, 1717 Vinton St. |
| 7. Hardware Building, Apartments and The Apollon, 1801 Vinton St. | |
| 8. Gallery 72, 1806 Vinton St. | 9. Spring Lake Park Golf Clubhouse - 4020 Hocter Blvd |

Attendees can view inside each of the buildings and talk with the owners of the properties and the people involved in the project restoration.

Attendees also are encouraged to walk or drive by other significant buildings in the area including:

Duran Residence, 2402 S. 13th St. Louie M's Burger Lust, 1718 Vinton St.
 Wiig Building, Capitol Bindery, 1810-1812 Vinton St. OFD #3 Fire Station and now residence, 3111 S. 20th St.
 Deer Hollow Park - 1801 Deer Park Road

"The Deer Park neighborhood and the Vinton Business District has seen a resurgence in that last few years. Artists, galleries and non-profits have now moved in to create a new creativity hub in the city," said Nicole Malone Restoration Exchange Omaha education committee chair. "We want to promote the Vinton Business District and also highlight the affordable turn of the century housing that is available for renovation. There is so much history to this area; we can't wait to share it with everyone!"

Tickets are \$10 each or two for \$15. Purchase tickets in advance at www.restorationexchange.org or the day of the tour at Chops Bowling Alley. Parking is available at Chops Bowling Alley, St. Patrick's Church or at Bag N Save. All proceeds support restoration and preservation educational efforts in the area.

Restoration Exchange Omaha, formed recently with the merger of Landmarks Inc., Restore Omaha and Omaha Urban Neighborhood, is an organization that teaches and motivates the public to restore and preserve older properties through education, advocacy and invigoration. For questions about the tour, contact Kristine Gerber at 402-614-0056 or info@restorationexchange.org. The tour is sponsored by the American Institute of Architects, Omaha Chapter www.aiaomaha.org and Eyman Plumbing www.eymanplumbing.com.



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Music & message for all ages: 10:30 a.m.



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Holland Lecture Wednesday, October 9

Happening at the Holland Center at 7pm

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For more information, you may call 345-1533.

October 5

PET BLESSING

11 a.m. on the patio. Bring all furry, feathered, or finned friends for a celebration and blessing. Please have all creatures on leashes or in cages/bowls.

October 27

"THE BOOK OF MORMON" THE MUSICAL

Fred Nielsen, member of First Central & history instructor at UNO

"The Book of Mormon," the winner of nine Tony awards, including Best Musical, will be in Omaha October 12 – 20. Critics have called it filthy, offensive, sweet, hilarious, tuneful, clever, inspirational, and filled with heart. In the midst of its music, dancing and jokes, "The Book of Mormon" wrestles with several essential questions of faith: What should one believe? How should one share one's beliefs with others? How can a good God allow evil in the world? At Adult Ed, we will explore the musical's modern take on some ancient questions.

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\$74,000	6464 Poppleton Ave	2	2	0		1,384
\$86,000	1317 S 55	3	1	1		1,014
\$90,500	367 N 47 Street	3	2	1		1,756
\$91,000	4601 Pacific Street	3	1	1		1,299
\$95,000	6269 Woolworth Ave	3	2	1		1,356
\$97,000	5606 Frances Street	3	2	0		1,402
\$97,500	6454 Pierce St	3	2	0		1,207
\$107,000	1306 S 51st Avenue	2	1	1		958
\$113,500	5818 Woolworth Ave	2	1	1		1,023
\$115,000	5145 Woolworth Ave	2	2	1		1,932
\$117,000	1314 S 51 Street	2	2	1		1,086
\$124,700	1001 S 55 Street	3	1	1		1,371
\$125,000	6105 Franklin Street	4	2	1		1,628
\$136,000	1943 S 62nd Street	2	2	2		1,445
\$140,000	409 S 48 Avenue	2	2	1		1,990
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\$158,000	5018 Iazard Street	3	2	0		1,716
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\$161,000	6108 William Street	2	2	1		1,839
\$165,000	1321 N 54 Street	3	3	1		1,760
\$166,000	717 S 56th Street	3	2	1		1,770
\$173,000	902 S 58 Street	3	2	2		1,084
\$175,888	5920 Pierce Street	3	2	1		1,940
\$183,500	1515 S 58 Street	3	2	1		2,131
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Liu, a former White House deputy domestic policy advisor and a regular contributor to TIME.com and TheAtlantic.com, also says:

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